Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1826.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, September 12th, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
" ROBERT LASH,	Dep. Gr. High Priest, *p. t.*
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
" and Rev. JAMES SABINE,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. JONATHAN JEWETT,	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Hiram's, Rising Sun, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters were admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, That the officers present be excused for appearing without their appropriate jewels.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given.

In consequence of the Council of the Grand Chapter attending the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at New York, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 26th inst., at ten o'clock A. M., for the choice of officers, and the transaction of the annual business of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED COMMUNICATION.

At the Adjourned Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday, September 26th, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

M.E. PAUL DEAN, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY, .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS, .	Grand King.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand Secretary.
" and Rev. JAMES SABINE, " " " BENJ. HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplains.

Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, .	Grand Marshal.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr., " JONATHAN JEWETT, " MOSES MERRILL,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. Comp. HENRY PURKETT, E. Comp. HENRY WHIPPLE,
E. " DANIEL BAXTER, E. " NATHANIEL KNAPP,
E. Comp. JOSHUA GREENLEAF.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Morning Star, Rising Sun, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Worcester, and Concord.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Comp. Charles Russell offered an excuse for not appearing with his appropriate jewel, which was accepted.

The Committee on King Hiram's Chapter, reported that the Grand Treasurer had received the amount due from them for fees to the Grand Chapter the past year, and that they were no longer delinquent.

A petition from sundry companions in New Bedford and vicinity, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in said town, by the name of Bethlehem Chapter, was read, and on motion, *Voted*, To commit the same to Comps. Abraham A. Dame, Henry Whipple, and Joshua Greenleaf.

On motion, it was *Voted*, That one o'clock be assigned for the choice of officers for this Grand Chapter the year ensuing.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Timothy J. Dyre and others, for a Chapter in the town of New Bedford, having attended the duty assigned them, respectfully report, that in the opinion of your Committee, the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Signed, HENRY WHIPPLE, per order.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, respectfully report to them, that, agreeable to the duty assigned this Committee, they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them in good order, well vouched, and rightly cast.

The Grand Treasurer debits himself as follows:

The balance of old account, ...	$503 31
Cash received as per account herewith annexed,	1067 00
	$1570 31
The Treasurer has paid as per account, . .	667 15
Balance on hand carried to new account, . .	893 16
	$1570 31

The committee report that returns have been made from all the Chapters under the Jurisdiction, except Franklin Chapter at Geenfield.

The Committee are well satisfied with the manner with which the official business of these departments under examination have been transacted. The Grand Treasurer again declines receiving any compensation, and is entitled to the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his valuable services. The Committee recommend that the sum of sixty dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, for

his services the past year, this sum being considered as a small compensation for the increased business of this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, ROBERT LASH, } *Committee*
JOHN R. BRADFORD, } *of Finance.*

Boston, Sept. 22, 1826.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
BOSTON, Sept. 26, 1826. }

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Amasa Roberts and many others, for the establishment of a Chapter in Sutton, by the name of Sutton Chapter, have attended the duty assigned them, and report that the petition appears to be in due form, and is accompanied by the requisite certificate of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter at Charlton. The Committee are satisfied that the numbers, zeal, and respectability of the petitioners render it proper and desirable, that a charter should be granted to them, and if it is granted, the Committee indulge the hope and expectation that the Chapter will become respectable and useful.

A report in favor of the petitioners would have long since been made but for one difficulty. They have not obtained the approbation of Worcester Chapter, which was heretofore supposed to be the nearest to the intended location of the new Chapter. They have now brought certificates that the hall in which the proposed new Chapter intends to meet, is nearer to King Solomon's than to Worcester Chapter.

Should the Grand Chapter be satisfied with this, and that the petitioners have complied with the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Signed, AUGUSTUS PEABODY, per order.

On motion, it was *Voted*, To accept the above report, and that a dispensation be granted accordingly.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter appropriate sixty dollars for charitable purposes for the year ensuing.

Comp. Charles Russell called up his motion, of which notice was given at a previous meeting, to amend the 14th article of the Constitution, by striking out the words thirty-one dollars, and inserting in lieu thereof twenty-five dollars, when after a full discussion, it was *Voted*, to adopt the amendment.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comp. Dean be a Committee to correspond with the companions who petitioned for a new Chapter to be located at Marblehead, and to which a dispensation was granted by the M.E. Grand High Priest, for the purpose of ascertaining the reasons which have prevented their receiving their dispensation.

The Grand Chapter resolved itself into Committee of the whole,—Comp. Joshua Greenleaf in the chair, for the purpose of electing the officers for the ensuing year.

Comps. Purkett, Peabody, and Thomas, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes.

On counting the votes it appeared that E. Comp. DANIEL L. GIBBENS was elected Grand High Priest.

Comps. Dean, Baxter, Whipple, Soley, and Eveleth, were appointed a Committee to wait on Comp. Gibbens, who signified his acceptance, and was introduced in due form.

The following elective officers were then chosen, viz:

E. RICH'D S. SPOFFORD of Newburyport, Grand King.
" Rev. SAMUEL CLARKE of Princeton, Grand Scribe.

E. ABRAHAM A. DAME, . . . Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, ... Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to the chairman of the Committee of the whole, and the Committee who collected and assorted the votes.

M.E. Comp. Daniel L. Gibbens was installed Grand High Priest.

The following appointments were then made, viz:

E. Comp. BENJ. HUNTOON of Canton, Deputy Grand High Priest.
" MICHAEL ROULSTONE, . Grand Marshal.
Rev. " SEBASTIAN STREETER, } Grand Chaplains.
" " SAMUEL BARRETT, }
" " JOHN BARTLETT, }
" ELIJAH ATHERTON, . Grand Lecturer.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, } Committee of Finance.
" THOMAS TOLMAN, }
" ELIAS HASKELL, }
" MICHAEL ROULSTONE, } Committee of Charity.
" SAMUEL HOWE, }
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, }
" EDWARD A. RAYMOND, } Grand Stewards.
" ROBERT KEITH, }
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . . Grand Tyler.

On motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Rev. and M.E. Paul Dean, for the able, impartial and dignified manner in which he has performed the duties of the chair for the last three years.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comps. Augustus Peabody and John J. Loring,

Esqs., for their highly useful and valuable services as Deputy Grand High Priest, and Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter respectively, during the last three years.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Comps. Daniel Baxter, Jr., Jonathan Jewett, and Moses Merrill, for their faithful services as Stewards of this Grand Chapter, during the last six years.

Voted, That Abraham A. Dame, Simon W. Robinson, and Edward A. Raymond, be a Committee to procure such additional articles of regalia, as may be found necessary for the benefit and convenience of this Grand Chapter.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Tuesday evening, December 12th, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD S. SPOFFORD,	Grand King.
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.

Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" EDW'D A. RAYMOND, " ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. JOHN ABBOT,	E. PAUL DEAN,
" JOHN J. LORING,	" NATHANIEL KNAPP.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Worcester, Brookfield, Concord, and St. Luke's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

E. Comps. Richard S. Spofford, King elect of the Grand Chapter, was introduced and installed into office.

The Committee on St. Luke's Chapter, reported, that said Chapter had received their dispensation previous to any communication with them on the subject.

The Committee on regalia reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

A petition from sundry companions of the town of Fitchburg and vicinity, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in said town, by the name of Fitchburg Chapter, was read, but it not being accompanied with the necessary certificate of recommendation, it was *Voted*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A petition was presented from Comp. Wilkes Allen, in behalf of Mrs. Stearns, daughter of Dr. Langdon Kelly, for

assistance, which on motion was committed to the Committee on Charity, who reported that it did not appear from the diploma that said Kelly was a Royal Arch Mason; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition, which was accepted.

Voted, That the Committee on regalia be instructed to procure a sufficient number of diplomas for the use of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That hereafter all subordinate Chapters who receive their charters from this Grand Chapter, shall pay one dollar per month for the time which said Chapter shall have held its warrant or charter.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Wednesday evening, May 9th, A. L. 5827.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	. Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	. Deputy Grand High Priest.
" PAUL DEAN,	Comp. GILBERT NURSE,
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	" JOHN SOLEY,

E. THOMAS TOLMAN,	Comp. GEO. G. SMITH,
" JOHN P. BIGELOW,	" EDW'D A. RAYMOND,
" SAMUEL HOWE,	" JOHN TRAILL,
" H. D. WOLCOTT,	" ELIAS HASKELL,
" ABR'M A. DAME,	" ——— PROWSE.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest communicated a number of circumstances of recent occurrence, of a peculiar and interesting character, whereupon it was *Voted*, That it is expedient to confer the several Chapter degrees upon Bro. Nahum Capen, who has this day been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the M. W. Grand Lodge, and he was accordingly exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason by M.E. Simon W. Robinson, High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter, assisted by the companions present.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, in Marblehead, May 11, A. L. 5827.

PRESENT:

E. Comp. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
" " PAUL DEAN, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*

Comp.	Robert Keith,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
"	E. Mudge,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
"	John Bartlett,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
"	Michael Roulstone,	Grand Marshal.
"	Benj. Salmon,	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
"	William Cole,	
"	Benjamin Ball,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the following commission and report thereon was read.

E. and Rev. Comp. Paul Dean:

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts will be in session at Marblehead, on Friday, the 11th day of May inst., at 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of constituting and consecrating St. Luke's Royal Arch Chapter, and installing its officers.

In compliance with the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, I appoint you a Committee to examine the officers and members of St. Luke's Chapter, with regard to their ability to perform the requisite duties of their several stations, and in open Chapter to inspect their mode of work, by-laws and records, and you are respectfully requested to make report of your doings at the above mentioned time and place.

With great respect,

Your companion,

DANIEL L. GIBBBENS, *Grand High Priest.*

Boston, May 9, 1827.

Mason's Hall, Marblehead,
May 11, 1827.

M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, *Grand High Priest:*

In conformity to your instructions of the 9th inst. I have examined the officers elect, and the members of St. Luke's Chapter as to their moral and masonic character, and their skill and ability

to perform acceptably the interesting duties of their respective stations, and also inspected their by-laws, records and mode of work, which, in regard to their style and provisions, are in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and the character and qualifications of its officers and members, such as merit your approbation, and therefore I recommend the said Chapter to you for consecration, and the officers for installation.

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

Signed, Paul Dean, *Committee.*

The M.E. Grand High Priest proceeded to the consecration of St. Luke's Chapter. The following companions were installed into their respective offices, viz:

E. Comp.	John Traill,	High Priest.
" "	Josiah P. Creesey,	King.
" "	Isaac Story,	Scribe.
Comp.	Nathaniel L. Hooper,	Treasurer.
"	Isaac Collyer,	Secretary.
"	Joseph W. Green,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	David Blaney,	Captain of Host.
"	Joseph P. Turner,	Principal Sojourner.
"	Jonathan Wilson,	Masters of Vails.
"	Henry A. Breed,	
"	Samuel Bowden,	
"	John Harris,	Stewards.
"	Dan'l Weed,	
"	John Dennis,	Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

A true record from minutes of Comp. John Bartlett.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, June 12th, A. L. 5827.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand High Priest.
E. BENJ. HUNTOON,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD S. SPOFFORD,	Grand King.
" SAMUEL CLARKE,	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
" and Rev. SAMUEL BARRETT,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, " EDW'D A. RAYMOND,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. ROBERT LASH, E. JOHN J. LORING.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Horeb, Thomas, and St. Luke's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Comps. Samuel Clarke and Samuel Barrett were installed into their respective offices by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on regalia reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

Several communications from the Committee chosen by the masonic institutions in this city, relative to their doings in relation to purchasing a piece of land for the purpose of erecting a Masonic edifice, where read, and on motion *Voted*, That Comps. John J. Loring, A. A. Dame, and Edward A. Raymond be a Committee to consider the foregoing communications and report thereon.

Communications from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and from the Grand Chapter of the State of South Carolina were committed to Comps. Daniel L. Gibbens, Richard S. Spoffard, Samuel Clarke, Abraham A. Dame and Simon W. Robinson.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Michael Roulstone, Samuel Howe and Robert Keith be a Committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter in September next.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Charles C. Nichols, Michael Roulstone, Nathaniel Blake, Charles Russell and Edward A. Raymond be a Committee to consider the expediency of dispensing with a dinner at the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter.

A communication from Thomas Chapter in Princeton, requesting leave to hold their future meetings six months in each year in the town of Fitchburg, was read, and on motion it was *Voted*, That Comps. Abraham A. Dame, John J. Loring and Richard S. Spofford be a committee to consider and report thereon.

The following report was read.

IN GRAND CHAPTER, June 12, 1827.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, relative

to the erection of a Masonic edifice for the accommodation of the Masonic institutions, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully ask leave to report, that in case a Masonic edifice is erected in this city, this Grand Chapter will, in conjunction with the several Masonic institutions, occupy the said building and pay their proportion of the rent of the same, so as to insure the annual income of six per cent. on the cost thereof, and will invest a sum not less than fifteen hundred dollars in the stock thereof.

Signed, JOHN J. LORING, per order.

Voted, To accept the above report, and that said Committee be authorized to carry the same into effect.

On motion, *Voted*, That the future meetings of this Grand Chapter be advertised in the Columbian Centinel, New England Galaxy, and Masonic Mirror.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston,	} *Established previously*	
KING CYRUS, Newburyport,	} *to the Grand Chapter.*	
ST. JOHN'S, Groton,	Charter dated	5803
KING SOLOMON'S, Charlton,	do.	5805
WASHINGTON, Salem,	do.	5811
KING HIRAM'S, Greenwich,	do.	5815
ADONIRAM, Taunton,	do.	5816
MORNING STAR, Springfield,	do.	5817
FRANKLIN, Greenfield,	do.	5817
RISING SUN, Nantucket,	do.	5818
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do.	5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do.	5820
THOMAS, Princeton,	do.	5821
WORCESTER, Worcester,	do.	5823
MOUNT LEBANON, Medway,	do.	5824
BROOKFIELD, Brookfield,	do.	5825
NORTHAMPTON, Northampton,	do.	5825
CONCORD, Concord,	do.	5826
MOUNT HOREB, Lowell,	do.	5826
ST. LUKE'S, Marblehead,	do.	5826
BETHLEHEM, New Bedford,	do.	5826
SUTTON, Sutton,	do.	5826

Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be directed to SAMUEL HOWE, Grand Secretary, Boston.